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Carlsbad Community Volunteers • April 2007

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

Area code 760 unless otherwise noted.



Trail Blast

Hundreds of people thought the Trail Blast Fitness Program was a blast last year, so we are doing it again. Join us for any or all of the hikes led by a professional trainer on Carlsbad's scenic trails. Volunteers are needed from 7:30-10 am to assist with Water Stations, Trail Directional Guides, Setup, Check-in and Clean Up.

- April 24: Pre-Event Training at Dove Library at 4 pm
- May 5: Rancho Carrillo
- May 12: Box Canyon at La Costa Open Space Preserve
- June 2: Hosp Grove

If you would like to volunteer for any of these days, contact Liz at lketa@ci.carlsbad.ca.us or 434-2978 and plan to attend the Pre-Event Training.

Senior Center

There are various openings at the Senior Center. Just two hours a week would really help.

- Home Meal Drivers: 10:45 am-12:45 pm
- Desk Registration: 9-11:45 am
- Dining Room Servers: 11 am-1:00 pm

Contact Jack at jrisl@ci.carlsbad.ca.us or 602-4652.

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A Million Dollar Gift

Most of us have never met; still, we're a formidable team of 1,282 men, women and children with a singular goal of broadening possibilities for our community. Collectively we gave a whopping 52,697 hours of our time volunteering for the City of Carlsbad in 2006. And while the value of



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volunteer time reaches well beyond any currency, using the Independent Sector's suggested hourly volunteer rate, our donated time is worth \$1,109,798.82 to Carlsbad.

We tackled a wide range of projects through at least one of the City's seven departments.

Explorer Scouts and their friends muscled up to build a retaining wall at a fraction of the cost had the project been bid out in the normal process.

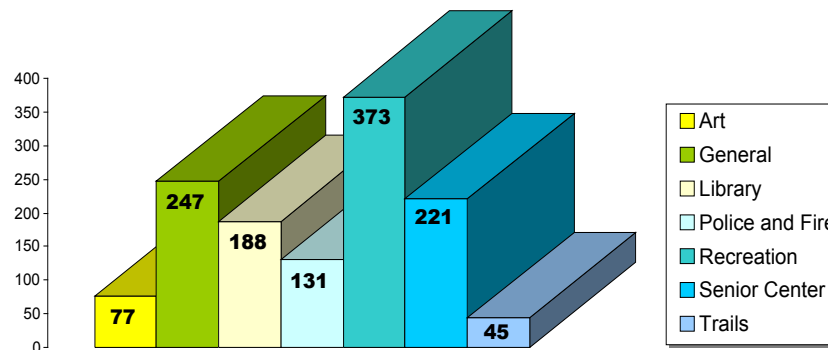
A home meal deliverer took the usual midday lunch to one of our homebound residents. When she realized the need was greater, she returned with bags of groceries to stock a nearly empty refrigerator.

These acts go beyond the tasks accomplished; they reflect the spirit of our community. We truly do make a difference.



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Volunteers by Department



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"I slept and I dreamt that life was all joy. I woke and saw that life was but service. I served and discovered that service was joy." Bengali poet Gurudev

Carlsbad Invests In Volunteer Training

Connect with City employees and other volunteers by attending a variety of informative orientations and classes. You'll gain perspective on the City's vision of excellence.

- Attend the 1st Mondays new employee orientation workshop and hear from City Manager Ray Patchett.
- The Human Resources and Carlsbad Police Departments sponsor the *Maintaining a Safe Workplace* workshop. Come away from this session having learned ways to maintain personal safety awareness and respond to angry people. (Next offered August 22, 2007.)

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- During the highly interactive *A New Beginnings* workshop you'll spend the entire morning meeting with the City's top managers. (Next offered September 13, 2007.)
- At the *Customer Service* workshop, engage in exercises that teach you how to "read" and then successfully relate to other people. (Next offered October 3, 2007.)



Other City-sponsored events that are open to volunteers include:

- Employee Appreciation event on April 24th
- The Health/Education Fair which will be held in September
- Citizens' Academy – a series of seven evening presentations, demonstrations and interactive discussions about how your City works (Next offered September 2007.)

Be sure to check with your volunteer supervisor to determine which classes would be a good fit for you and to find out how to sign up.

CARLSBAD NEWS FOR YOU

Carlsbad Playreaders

"A Perfect Ganesh" will be read as part of the Carlsbad City Library's Playreaders program on Monday, April 23 at 7:30 pm in the Ruby G. Schulman Auditorium, Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. This entertaining play, starring Sandra Ellis-Troy and Pat DiMeo, depicts the travels of two middle-aged friends' pilgrimage to India. Donations of \$5 general/\$1 student will be accepted at the door.

Opera Events

'The Marriage of Figaro'

Opera Preview

The Carlsbad Cultural Arts Office is presenting a lecture on this Mozart opera by musicologist Dr. Ron Shaheen on Saturday, May 5 at 10 am in the Schulman Auditorium Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. This delightful comedy is about love and marriage, deception, passion, and flirtation. The program is free. Attendance is limited to 215 with ticket distribution beginning at 9:15 am.



Opera Caravan

Round-trip coach transportation will be provided from the Carlsbad City Library on Dove Lane to the opera on Sunday, May 13 at 12:30 pm and Wednesday, May 16 at 5:30 pm for \$18 per person. For ticket sale information, call Chase Thompson at (619) 232-7636. For additional information, visit www.carlsbadca.gov/arts/index.html and www.sdopera.com/.



Film Series

The Carlsbad City Library's film series program will highlight surfing films on Wednesday, May 16, 6-9 pm in the Schulman Auditorium, Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane.

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Castles of Carlsbad Home Tour

Six unique homes will be highlighted on this amazing tour on May 5. Volunteers are needed to learn about the special features of one of these homes and provide an informative (and secure) presence in the home. Morning shifts run from 9 am-1 pm and afternoon shifts run from 1-5 pm. Take the other shift to use your free ticket (a \$25 value) to tour the rest of the homes yourself. You will be asked to attend an orientation for your home also. Contact Anne at 930-9286 or annelinehan@adelphia.net.



Triathlon

Save the date for the biggest volunteer opportunity of the year in Carlsbad. The Carlsbad Triathlon will take place on Sunday, July 8 this year. Most of the opportunities will be over by noon. Go to www.MyVolunteerPage.com/Carlsbad and click on Browse Organization, Recreation Department to see all of the positions.



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VOLUNTEERS



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